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## DHS students starting year at OLD school

**Parents confused about where to  
send kids on first day of classes**

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

With another school year set to start this week, some Didsbury parents are confused about where to send their kids for the first day of classes.

Didsbury high principal Steve Thompson said he's received calls from parents wondering if their kids should show up at the new school site or the old one for the first day of classes.

An information bulletin was sent out to DHS and Westglen students in the spring, but Thompson wants to reiterate that classes will begin in the old school building as planned.

Most of the confusion is coming from parents of middle school students moving up to high school, but DHS vice-principal Curtis Dick said there has also been speculation that the new school build will be complete in time for the first day of school on August 31, earlier than anticipated.

Thompson said that might stem from people noticing substantial changes in the new site.

"I'm sure there are some high school parents driving by who are going 'it looks almost done to me, they're putting in pavement and sod, I bet they're starting there.'"

But that is not the case. While the bulk of construction will be completed by mid-September, the transition from the old school to the new school will happen gradually.

Once the build is done, non-essential materials will begin moving over, but the final move of essential materials—and of course students and staff—is expected to take place in mid-October.

Ultimately the transition will take about three weeks, with a "blast over" of three days to finalize the move.

"That will be nuts," Thompson said of the expected rush in

October.

But he's not worried about things like lighting or mechanical work. It's ironing out the technical bugs like phone and P.A. systems that is expected to provide the biggest challenge.

Right now, workers are putting the finishing touches on the school, laying down and polishing flooring.

Thompson and Dick are excited about the move and they hope students and parents are too.

Some of the feedback they've received from the community has been positive and some hasn't, said Thompson.

The most common comment is that the new school is too small.

Students will be moving in at 95 per cent capacity, as opposed to the 72 per cent they were at in the old building.

But Thompson said the old school has a lot of extra lab spaces that were underused, so the downsizing is creating a more efficient environment.

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STEVE THOMPSON  
DHS principal

He is particularly pleased with the band room and gymnasium.

"Nobody is going to get into this gym and argue that it isn't 10 times better," he said.

"People are going to think this is an amazing space."

Thompson said those who have toured the building all had good comments and he expects others to come around once they've seen it too.

"I think when people see it they'll go 'wow'," he said.

Thompson hopes that eventually, the school will be used as a community facility as well, hosting events like weddings.

"For a wedding, this would be the best spot in town to hold a reception, no question about it," he said.

"You wouldn't have to decorate it much to make it look pretty spiffy."



**SLAMIN' AND JAMMIN' -** Matt Himmelspeck, 11, tries out some moves at the Memorial Complex skate park after designing his own deck at Skater Slam. The event was followed up with a trip to the North American Skateboarding Championships in Calgary hosted by Tony Hawk.

Jodi Styner/Didsbury Review



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**Didsbury Environment Board**  
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**Beaver's**  
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**Time Out**  
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**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** for friends and families of people with Alzheimer Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge. 335-9848.

**MAKE IT FUN** - Parents & guardians of High functioning Autism & Asperger children between the ages 5-18 are planning some activities through the summer for the kids to interact & have fun.

**Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 - Meeting at Didsbury Municipal Library (2033-19th Ave.)**  
All family members are welcome. For further information or for car-pooling availability, please contact Josee at 335-8183 or Kellie at 335-3545.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS to Aug. 2006 -**  
**Thursday, Aug. 31** - is our trip to the casino in Calgary. Bus leaves from Didsbury at 4 p.m. Cost \$10. Call Bea 335-3058, gen 335-3449.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6** - Fall tour to Rocky Mountain House. Bus leaves from complex at 10 a.m. Cost \$10. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

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**1st Didsbury Scouting Registration Night -**  
Sept. 5, 6:30-8:30 Eldon Foote Hall. Boys & Girls Ages 5-18. Leaders welcome too! Call Linda 335-4846 or Lora 335-6184 for more info. 35

**Fun Team Hockey Registration -**  
Sept. 7 @ 7:00 at the Arena. Call Cyndi: 335-3332. 35

**The Carstairs Artist's Guild** will be holding our fall organizational meeting Thurs., Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carstairs Community Hall. Saturday painting lessons will include watercolors, acrylic, collage, colored pencil, drawing, and painting from your photos. Saturday lessons are held in the Didsbury High School Library. We welcome adult painters—beginners or experienced. 35

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### Anglican Church of Canada St. Cyrian's

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Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507  
Knights of Columbus: Jim Myhre 335-3633

### Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

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# Town looks to public for budget direction

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Budget 2007 is now in the works and public opinion is expected to be a big factor in the Town's decision making process.

CAO Roy Brown has presented council with a rough outline of objectives for the 2007 fiscal year and is asking councillors to make additions and deletions where they see fit.

"I tried to expand upon the objectives that council set when they first met to develop a strategic plan in February 2005," Brown said of how this early draft was developed.

But council will have final say in what the completed budget looks like.

And it's looking to the public to steer it in the right direction.

Results of a telephone customer survey currently underway will provide the Town with the input it's looking for.

"Those customer surveys I think might influence a bit the direction we choose to go," said Mayor Dorothy Moore.

Since the beginning of council's term, public input has held precedence.

In 2004 council met with residents at the 5-0 club where it listened and wrote down "volumes" of what those in attendance said, according to Moore.

Councillors also took to the streets, knocking on doors to ask for community input.

"We took all of that information to our strategic session and council was adamant that that input had to be included," said Moore.

After council had laid out its priorities in a budget plan, it consulted residents once more.

"We brought it back to the community again and asked if we got it right and they agreed that we had," said Moore.

"We're confident that what we've included is what residents wanted."

Moore said new data compiled through the telephone survey will complement information council has received since 2004.

"The customer survey will give us a bit of an update on that," she said.

But she doesn't expect residents to ask for big changes this year.

"We want to include that new data in our amended plan, but we don't expect to change direction," she said.

"What we may do is adjust a little bit according to what residents tell us again."

In the meantime, Administration will start to prepare the operational budget and part of the capital budget to present to council at its retreat October 19-20.

By that time survey results will be available and council can direct administration on specific goals for its final year in office.

The morning of Friday, Nov. 24 has been set aside for council to put together a second draft of the budget, with a final draft expected by the end of the calendar year.

**"We're confident that what we've included is what residents wanted."**

**DOROTHY MOORE**  
mayor of Didsbury



**LION'S DEN** - The Didsbury Lion's Club presents the Fischer family with a new playhouse Friday. The Lions donate a playhouse that is drawn at the rodeo every year.

**dmc**  
didsbury medical clinic

Dr. Jaffer is pleased to welcome Drs. Stampa, McAlduff and Gausvik, who will be providing temporary locum help at dmc (didsbury medical clinic) during the month of September. These locums have been contracted through the Alberta Medical Association Rural Locum Program and Dr. Jaffer wishes to thank them for their much needed help. Drs. Stampa and Gausvik are female physicians. Please call dmc at 335-8007 to make an appointment with any of these physicians.

Dr. Stampa will be in clinic Aug. 28 through Sept. 1. Dr. McAlduff will be in clinic Sept. 5 through Sept. 8. Dr. Gausvik will be in clinic Sept. 11 through Sept. 22.



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## EDITORIAL &amp; OPINION

## Change of seasons

I've never kept track of exactly when the seasons change. When you live in a province where freak snowstorms can happen in the middle of July, it doesn't really matter.

But for me, when another school year begins it signals an official end to summer.

Suddenly my senses are heightened.

That cool early morning slowly melting into an afternoon heat gives off a distinctive smell.

The sunlight seems just a little bit richer, the grass a little bit softer.

I get strong cravings for things I didn't appreciate enough in the two months that have just passed.

Slurpies taste so much better with the realization that it will be another nine to ten months before my body's core can handle another one.

That smoky barbecue smell or the sweet scent of a freshly mowed lawn make me take pause, remembering days of boredom spent on the deck of an outdoor pool or in a tent somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

The end of summer seems so much sadder than it did when I was a kid because I have less to look forward to now.

When I was in school, Fall meant new clothes and reuniting with friends.

Blank notebooks really did offer a clean slate, a promise of a fresh start, new goals, a chance to be extraordinary.

It was a reinvention of sorts, at least for the first week, and then reality set in.

That extra effort I had started to put into classes weakened, after school games in the park ceased when the snow forced us indoors, and I started to look ahead to Christmas for my next burst of hopefulness.

Now that I'm a "grown-up" the only thing changing for me is the weather, and with that, bad roads.

I'm sure parents out there are laughing right now, saying "wait until you have kids."

To them, an end to summer and the beginning of a new school year means finally getting a chance to rest.

For now I'll have to settle with an extended anticipation for Christmas. And hopefully the Fall will surprise me with what it has to offer.

Jodi Styner

## PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

## Don't lose yourself

BY MARGARET FRADLEY  
for the Didsbury Review

A number of years back, I had the opportunity to speak alongside a very well-known, eloquent pastor, for a week's camp meetings.

He had a wonderful faith and spoke without notes or any outline, just sharing his experiences with well planned out messages.

As I thought about this, I began to think how good it would be if I could just get up there and speak, no notes, no outline, just share, or teach. However, when I speak or share, I need an outline, I need some notes to keep me on track, and keep me from rambling.

That evening the words came very clearly to me, "don't lose yourself". I wasn't sure what they meant, but later I woke up in the night realizing that in trying to be like someone else I was losing myself, and who I was in the process.

It was a good lesson to me, and the next day I shared this with the camp.

It is important that we realize we are special, that just as there are no two snowflakes alike, there is not another one just like us (kind of scary, isn't it?), but also there are things we are called to do, that no one else can do just like we can.

My reminder to you today is that "you are special."



## YOUR LETTERS

## Think about it

I would like to direct this letter to the two youth that were driving around Didsbury on Sat. Aug. 26/06 in a blue Neon armed with a black permanent marker adding stripes down the side of vehicles parked on the street.

I know "Mr. Shaved Head Driver" and "Mr. Dark Haired Passenger"

probably won't read this themselves but I am hoping that their parents might see this and take some action.

I just want them to know I was standing across the road and saw them add the stripe down the side of my car.

Thank-you for that and I guess you won't mind if one day myself or any-

one else whose cars you defaced are bored decide to decorate your car for something to do.

Maybe think about how you would feel if someone did that to your car before setting out to amuse yourself by defacing other people's property.

Jeff L.

## Hummingbird formula

In last week's column At The Kitchen Table, I wrote about Hummingbirds and mentioned the formula for filling Hummingbird feeders.

I am afraid some gremlin in your printing process must have been at work because when the column left my computer it said to mix 1 cup of boiled water with ? (one quarter)

cup of sugar. When the column appeared in print it said 1 cup of water to 1 cup of sugar.

I sincerely hope that no one mixes hummingbird food at this strength as it could seriously impact the bird's health. This strength syrup, along with a cinnamon stick, would probably be best used for canning crabapples.

Thanks to the loyal readers who called to question my knowledge of hummingbird food. I was delighted to hear your hummingbird stories.

Several people still have them feeding as of August 26.

Mine are gone I'm afraid, and I am missing them.

Noreen Olson  
Didsbury

## Recognition please

I am sure that I am not alone in my disappointment with the front page of this week's Review, featuring a half page photograph of a parrot!

I think it is regrettable that you failed to mention, or feature a photograph of two gentlemen who have lived in Didsbury for many years, and given much for the benefit of our townspeople.

I refer to Clem Kuelker, who was

chosen for this year as Parade Marshal, in appreciation of all his volunteer and financial assistance to the town, and to Bill Ward, who has recently been elected to the position of Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks of Canada, and who has been a long-standing member of Didsbury Lodge.

I realize that you have not been editor for any length of time, and

still have much to learn about the people of Didsbury who contribute so much to the well being of so many, and I hope that you will be able to allocate space in the next issue of the Review, according these two gentlemen the recognition they deserve.

Thank you.

Ann D. Smith  
Didsbury

## Parade pride

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to say how very much we enjoyed the parade on August 19 – it was fantastic and the best ever!

Thank you to all those who

worked so hard to make this possible for our enjoyment, not forgetting those that finished the street just in time.

Well done!

Joan Gasser  
Didsbury

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# School capacity stretched thin

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Didsbury's new high school is in the final stages of completion, and when students finally move in, they will enter at 90 to 95 per cent capacity begging the question "is it big enough?"

Right now, officials say, "yes."

But with a substantial population growth projected for the town, will it be big enough in five or 10 years?

Maybe not.

DHS principal Steve Thompson said he's not thrilled with the size allotted, but that a government policy called "right sizing" is based on current student enrolment and not population projections.

"If we see the growth we are going to see, then yeah, there's going to be issues with capacity in this (new) school," he said.

The old school had extra lab space that wasn't always utilized, but it would have allowed for space expansion if enrolment increases.

"We could have utilized those classroom lab spaces and brought in more teach-

**"At some point the design is going to have to be modified to get better traffic flow and I think that's an issue with this design that I wish they would have considered, but it's a policy."**

STEVE THOMPSON  
DHS principal

ers," said Thompson.

But the new school is more limited.

"If I hire more teachers, where would I put them?" he said. "Now I've got to get classrooms because there's nowhere for them to teach."

Vice-principal Curtis Dick said that's what happens when policies don't allow room to budge.

"If we were Oyen or Hanna or something, where you're off the beaten path, we might be OK, but not in the corridor with the number of people moving from Calgary out to these rural areas," he said.

With the current design plan, one long hallway is dedicated to teaching spaces and to build onto that one stretch doesn't make sense, Thompson said.

"At some point the design is going to have to be modi-

fied to get better traffic flow and I think that's an issue with this design that I wish they would have considered,"

But Olds/Disbury/Three Hills MLA Richard Marz said expansion is possible with the current plan and said that while "right sizing" does not account for expected population increases, it is based on both current and projected student numbers, which Chinook's Edge has indicated are on the decline.

"That's the reason we actually didn't renovate the existing high school," he said.

"Since we needed less space for the projections and the cost of modernization, that 75 per cent would have built a new school, so

that's why we built a new school."

Marz said the discrepancy between expected population growth and enrolment decline is a result of the child-bearing population not replacing itself.

"I think the rate that we're having children is in the 1.5-1.7 range per family," he said.



"And in the towns along the corridor, people are finding it very attractive to retire to."

Carstairs, in contrast, is experiencing an influx of young families.

"I expect that to possibly

happen in Didsbury too," said Marz.

Current school board projections don't show that, but in the eventuality that there is a turn-around, Marz said additions will be made to the school.

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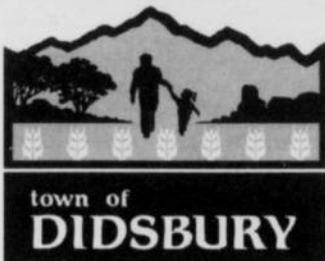
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **September 12, 2006**.

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# Kitz 4 Kidz gives students head start

## Record-breaking year for project support

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

For kids whose parents are unable to afford all of the required school supplies, the first day of classes can be agonizing, but thanks to the generosity of local residents and Ward Value Drug Mart, Didsbury kids will be able to start the first day of school with everything they need.

Now in its third year, the Value Drug Mart Kitz 4 Kidz campaign encourages the community to get involved by purchasing a \$5 kit filled with school supplies.

This year, Ward Value Drug Mart received 456 donations, far exceeding previous years.

"From what we know, we've sold far above what anyone else has done, which is just tremendous because we have a lot of other stores that are a lot bigger than

we are," said Margo Ward.

"The girls here have done a great job of making sure people know what's going on and how it works."

Ross Ford elementary school principal Brent Runnett said the kits are a definite help in getting kids settled into the new year quickly.

"It helps to make sure there's no disparity between the kids and at the start of the school year we're just going to be able to jump in and get everybody started right away," he said.

"It's a wonderful thing."

Runnett said the school tries to make it as easy as possible on the families, and the kids, so teachers make a best guess as to who is in most need.

At the high school level, DHS principal Steve Thompson said kids are especially unlikely to admit they need assistance.

"Obviously in a high school setting it's something that happens a little more quietly, so teachers identify those needs and make sure the materials get into students' hands," he said.

"Students don't like to come up and ask."

Margo and Bill Ward decided to cut off kit donations this past weekend so they can start organizing distribution and get them to the schools before classes start.

"We want to make it as easy on the kids as possible," said Margo.

The Wards have been donating supplies to schools for as long as Steve Thompson can remember.

"Every year Ward's brings a box of materials over and they say 'if there's anything else you need, just give us a shout,'" he said.

"We don't ask, they just show up and say

we're throwing it out there for kids who need it."

Thompson said he appreciates the community partnership this endeavour created.

"This isn't one where we're going out to the community and soliciting, it's the community taking the initiative to help students in need," he said.

"I think that's a great thing in a small community like Didsbury."

Runnett said looking at the list of donors, he was pleased to see the names of Ross Ford parents and teachers.

"It's really neat that my senior neighbour's name is up here as well," he said.

"It's a nice endorsement of our school."

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Margo Ward, Ward Value Drug Mart, presents school principals Brent Runnett and Steve Thompson with school supplies kits donated by the community. By the end of the fundraiser 456 kits had been donated to be split up between Didsbury's three schools.

## POLICE BRIEF

### Motorcyclist crashes in rural Didsbury

Didsbury RCMP responded to an off-road motorcycle accident in rural Didsbury on Saturday evening August 26 that ultimately resulted in the death of a 36-year-old Calgary man.

The man, who had been attending a

family social event, left the social alone, driving his off-road dirt bike.

After not returning for some time, he was found motionless in a shallow body of water, unresponsive with his dirt bike nearby.

He was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS who attended along with the RCMP and local fire department.

Foul play, alcohol and drugs are not believed to be contributing factors in this tragic incident, however there are indications that previous medical conditions of the driver may factor in this fatality.

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# Terminal velocity ain't no thang

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

When our staff photographer asked if anyone wanted to go skydiving for a story I was the first – and probably loudest – to scream “me, me, me!”

And just like that, I had volunteered myself to jump out of an airplane at 10,000 feet.

Here I thought my co-workers might be jealous, but they were likely more relieved that it was my life on the line and not theirs.

But I was confident the entire week leading up to the jump that this was going to be a fantastically thrilling experience.

It wasn't until we actually arrived at River's Edge Skydiving and were thrown into ground training that I had my first inkling of fear.

The second I signed my life away on the waiver form, I had to pee.

But I was reassured when we met our instructor K.K.

Just retired, after 21 years in the military, K.K. had a calming demeanor about him.

It could have had something to do with the beard.

Don't ask me what it is, but a good beard seems to imply a strength and protectiveness that in that moment, I was very glad to see sprouting from K.K.'s face.

Just when I was feeling good, my photographer, Carla, asked K.K. how many of his students throw up. That's when I lost it.

See, I have an actual phobia of throwing up. I'm not sure if there's a medical name for it, but it's very real. And it was the one thing I had tried not to think about since waking up. The closest I came was making a decision not to eat breakfast.

Big mistake.

K.K. said it's better to eat a normal meal so your stomach juices are absorbed by something when your body is being turned inside out.

Great. Could someone get me a piece of bread, please?

But there was no time.

And I had to concentrate on the task at hand.

As I suspected, K.K. said sensory overload tends to cause momentary memory lapses, but he assured me that with enough practice, my brain would work on auto-pilot.

And actually, to my surprise and



photo courtesy of Rivers Edge Skydivers

delight, there wasn't a lot to remember. If I remembered only one thing it should be “kick ass”. By throwing my feet back it would force my body to arch and keep me in a stable position so I didn't spiral to my death.

Easy enough.

The next thing was to check my wrist altimeter every few seconds, taking a pause between checks to breathe and relax, and then finally, at 6,000 feet, I was to pull the cord.

After a few dry runs, we got suited up and did the Bad Boys walk to the airplane.

K.K. wasn't kidding when he said it was a cozy ride.

Six of us cuddled up together and

before I knew it, we were climbing through the sky.

If I hadn't had Carla with me, I might lie right now and say I was cool and collected the entire time, but she had her camera with her depicting the slow turning of a smile into gut-rending terror.

As we neared our “mark” of 10,000 feet, I looked over and saw that Ross, River's Edge owner, had his eyes closed and his mouth was moving.

He wasn't sleeping. He was meditating. Ross visually maps out every jump in his head so that it's in the right place when he's ready to go.

I tried a little meditating of my own. It went something like this: “don't throw up, don't throw up.”

But I was interrupted by a beeping noise.

“You know what that noise is?” K.K. asked.

“That's the plane's stall warning. When we slow down too much it beeps, but don't worry, it's just really sensitive.”

At this point I was pretty happy to know I would be leaving the plane.

And that may have been K.K.'s intention.

But I wasn't going to repeat to Carla what he had just whispered because although she had a parachute strapped to her back, she wasn't attached to K.K. like I was and I figured I feared enough for her anyway. No sense scaring her too.

As we turned around and the door flew open, I started rethinking my plan and wished I was in Carla's place at the back of the plane.

Then I watched as three other jumpers literally disappeared into nothingness.

I really wanted to be Carla now.

I'd even be willing to go down with the stalled plane, as long as I had metal around me and not just air.

But then I felt K.K.'s hand on my shoulder, that calming touch only a man with a beard can have, and I was OK again.

I stuck my legs out the door, we rocked back twice, and BAM, we were gone.

OK, Kick Ass. I remembered, I remembered!

As we somersaulted through the air I was amazed that it didn't feel at all like we were falling.

It actually felt like the wind was pushing me upward.

In scientific terms I think this relates back to Newton's Laws of Motion and the idea that for every action there's an equal and opposite reaction, but there's no describing the feeling. You have to experience it for yourself.

Within 30 seconds of free fall at terminal velocity (like they couldn't have come up with a better word than “terminal”), I should have been able to check my altimeter three times.

I checked it eight. Apparently forgot the relax and breathe part.

At 6,000 feet, I pulled and there we were, actually flying.

I understood then why K.K. and Ross were bouncing with excitement to share this experience with me for the first time.

It's the reason skydiving instructors do what they do, so there are other people who understand them.

Is it crazy to jump out of a perfectly good airplane?

Maybe. But it's also probably the most memorable and exhilarating thing I'll ever do.

As I looked down and watched our plane land beneath us, I was glad I wasn't in it.

And I was very glad I was the first to yell “me, me, me.”



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# Emergency room services under review

**CHR addresses long wait times and untimely patient care**

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

The status of emergency room care is being put under the microscope as the Calgary Health Region invites an independent review of the system.

The announcement was prompted by growing patient frustration over excessive wait times and mounting pressure to address high profile problems resulting from a shortage of beds.

CHR chair David Tuer, who called for the review, blames rapid population growth for problems facing the Region in providing timely treatment to patients.

Last month Calgarian Rose Lundy miscarried in front of up to 40 people in the crowded waiting room after being told repeatedly that there just wasn't a bed available.

Lundy and her husband Rick went public with their story in an attempt to spur a review like this one that could see changes made to improve patient services.

But opposition parties are criticizing

the validity of a review conducted by government appointed Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA), implying that last week's announcement may do nothing more than provide lip service.

The CHR was handed 25 recommendations for better care practices in 2003 after the court found that the Region failed to provide 23-year-old Vince Motta with proper and timely care for an appendix rupture, resulting in his death two years earlier.

Following the release of the Motta report, opposition member Kevin Taft slammed the CHR, saying it has been "plagued by mistakes, dubious business deals and a culture of denial" from the beginning. He pointed to the implosion of the General hospital as a major mistake in the wake of figures projecting huge population growth in the city, and across the province.

Then health minister Gary Mar responded by saying the government and the CHR were both taking the Motta report very seriously.

"We are happy to report that in the

overwhelming majority of cases people enter the system, they get treated, they get better, and they're released," Mar said.

"We don't have an infallible system. We have a system that is very good. Occasionally, it's excellent."

Now, three years later, Tuer said maybe it could be better.

"The Board of Directors wants to assure all residents of the Region that the intention of this review is to determine where potential system changes or improvements could be made to our processes and resources," he said.

But in spite of the challenges facing the Region, Tuer said quality patient care has remained its top priority.

"We know that despite high patient volumes, the Region's front-line staff do an exemplary job delivering care each and every day," he said.

The review will begin in September, with results and recommendations expected to be made public when it is completed in May 2007.

The Didsbury Review will be  
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Our swimmers did a great job representing our club at these events.

Provincial results are as follows:

**GIRLS 8 AND UNDER:**

Elizabeth Thompson  
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**GIRLS 13 AND UNDER:**

Taylor Lappage

100-m freestyle-8th  
100-m backstroke-4th  
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50-m freestyle-4th

**GIRLS 14 AND UNDER:**

Morgaine Johnson  
100-m butterfly-11th

**GIRLS 15 AND 16:**

Kirsten Kurtz  
100-m breaststroke-4th  
50-m freestyle-8th

**RELAYS:**

Girls 8 and under  
4x50 medley- Bronze  
4x25 freestyle-6th

Girls 13 and 14:  
4x50 medley-14th

Also competing in the Region E relays were:  
Elizabeth Thompson,  
4x25 medley-Silver  
Taylor Lappage, 4x50  
medley-5th; 4x50 freestyle-4th

Kirsten Kurtz, 4x50 medley-Bronze.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for a great job done not only at Provincials, but at all the meets we traveled to this year. Way to go!

Thanks to all the parents who support our kids in this wonderful sport and see you all at the pool in the spring.

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# Town encourages community involvement

BY JODI STYNER  
Didsbury Review

Volunteering is an obvious way to get involved in a community and the Town would like to see more people stepping up to "pay it forward".

And to prove it's not just talk, council will lead the way, offering Town employees one hour paid leave each week to be spent volunteering.

The idea came after management attended a seminar about the Big Brothers and Sisters program.

"The management team

was talking and thought maybe the Town should try to be a leader in this type of thing," said CAO Roy Brown.

"Not only do we encourage our employees to volunteer, we would give them their one hour, not necessarily for this program, but for any program they want to become involved with."

And he hopes that once the policy is developed and in place it will expand.

"Hopefully they'll also become involved in giving more of their own time, and become leaders in the community as

far as volunteerism," he said.

"And it helps to profile them as employees in the town too, that they are more involved than just as a worker of the town, that they are involved in the community."

The Town will also offer the public an opportunity to find a group or club to get involved with at its first annual Showcase Didsbury next month.

The event provides free tables for any club, service group, association or interest group to display what it's about and why people should get involved.

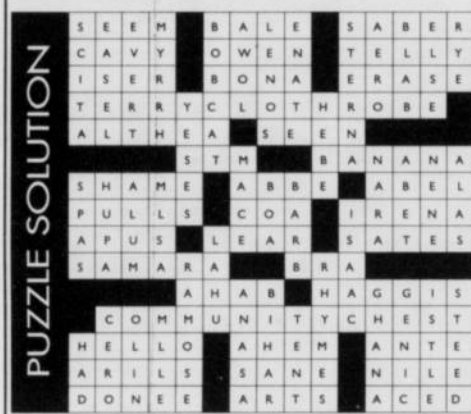
Mayor Dorothy Moore said being a resident of Didsbury is a privilege, but it also carries responsibility.

She encourages Didsbury citizens to remember the best things about the community that came about through people giving back or "paying forward" by serving others over the past 100 years.

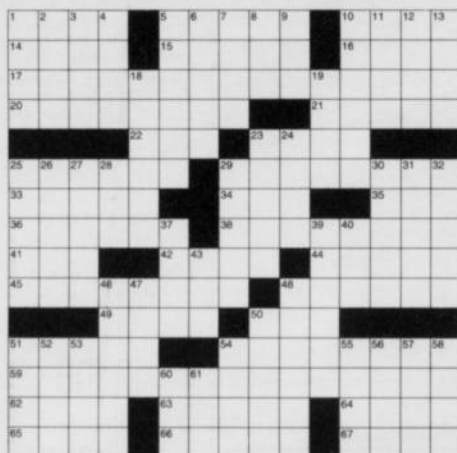
And with a growing population, volunteerism is a good way for new residents to assimilate as well.

Showcase Didsbury will take place Monday Sept. 18 from 6-9 p.m. at the Memorial Complex.

## Last week's crossword solution



## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

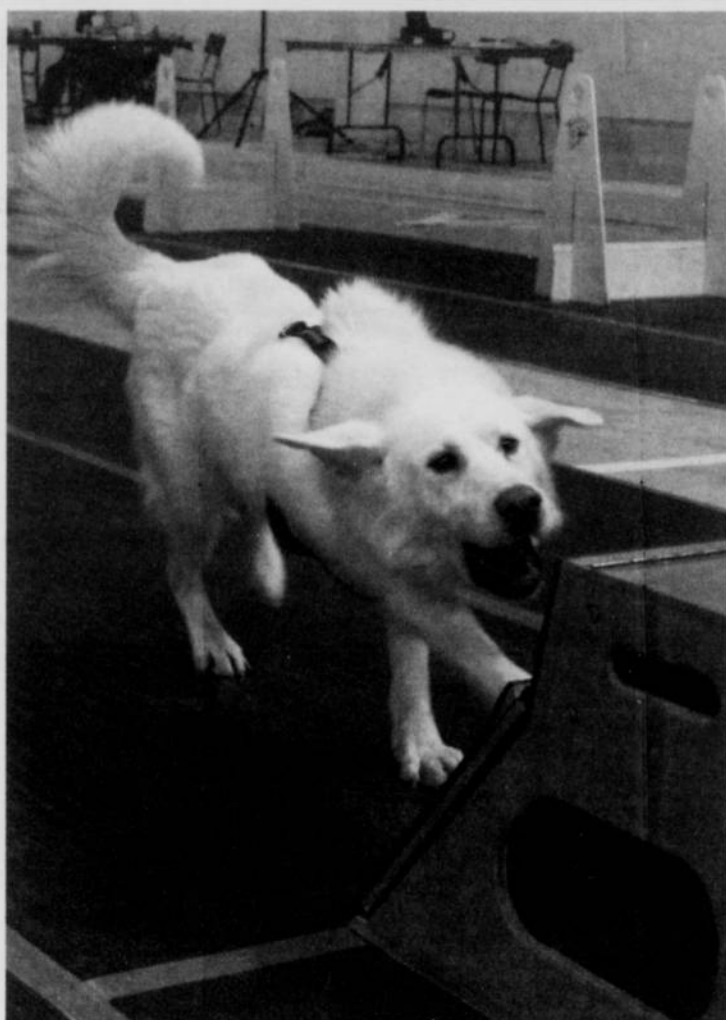
1. Chinese cabbage
5. Ringworm
10. Expectorate
14. Article of clothing, pl.
15. Hydroxyls + 2C
16. German car
17. Agatha Christie mystery, with "A"
20. Expurgings
21. Sweeps
22. European fish
23. Hang glide
25. Humiliated
29. Times of day
33. Laid-back California county
34. Lyric poem
35. Rotating disk
36. Rubber or pencil
38. Womaniser
41. Homy projecting jaws of a bird

### CLUES DOWN

42. Abba \_\_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
44. Fire iron
45. Provençal verses
48. Most unpleasant
49. Shackle
50. Irritate
51. National capital of Ghana
54. Unshod
59. Western drink
62. Surrounded by
63. Pillars
64. Subject
65. Sheaf
66. Fightings
67. Tyrant
1. Rear
2. Miri
3. Gnawing animal
4. Requests
5. IV

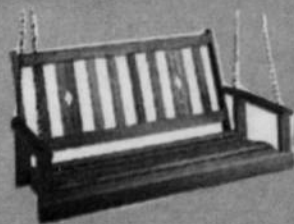
6. Conclude
7. Mind (Greek)
8. Measuring unit
9. Sign language
10. Hunting expedition
11. Indian seaport
12. Romantic interlude
13. Drawstrings
18. \_\_\_\_\_ O'Neill, playwright
19. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
23. Geographic region
24. Digits
25. After prayers
26. Pressure unit
27. Saddle horses
28. Female sibling
29. Soul and calypso songs
30. Garget
31. Overhang
32. Forward
37. Gambling town
39. Final climactic stage
40. Neither
43. Order
46. Denunciation
47. Asian country
48. Unoriginal
51. Mount
52. Molding
53. Overlay with wood
54. Morsel
55. Community
56. Paddles
57. Shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
58. Hurry
60. Father
61. Wildebeast

Solution in next week's  
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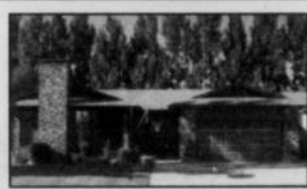
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